GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1198
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001
CASES PENDING AGAINST A. S. I. OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the officials and staff of Archaeological Survey of India arecharge-sheeted by the CBI and cases against them are still pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the charges levelled against them; (

(c) whether income tax raid has been conducted in the premises of a former Director General, A. S. I. and his subordinates;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of the investigations made by both ASI and CBI, separately?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statement is enclosed as per annexure.

(c) & (d) Government have no information in this regard..

(e) The cases are before the Hon`ble CBI courts.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1198 FOR 01.03.2001.

Detail of the cases of the officials and staff of ASI charge-sheeted by CBI which are still pending:

Sl.No. Name of the Charged officials with Designation

Case
01.
02.

(a) Sh. M. G. Chellapillai, ASAE (retired)

(b) Sh. V. Kannian, Foreman

(c) Sh. S. Mathivanan, Foreman

(d) Sh. A. Rajamanickan, Foreman

(e) Sh. V. Balraj, Monument Attendant
Sh. B. L. Meena L. D. C

CBI case No. RC.26/86/SPE/ACB/CBI/Madras against these officials was made for committing criminal misconduct, cheating

criminal misappropriation, forgery, use of false documents and falsification of accounts in the work of dismantling and reconstruction of the ` prakara ` wall and adjoining cloister of Shri Aravateswara Temple at Darasuram, Thanjavur District. Sanction for prosecution of these officials were given by Director General, ASI on 5/8/1988. Charge-sheet was filed by the CBI in the court of I ASJ / Trichy on 29/12/1989.

CBI case no . RC . 18 (A) / 90 of SPE / Jaipur was made against Shri O. P. Meena , Administrative Officer and Shri . B. L. Meena L.D. C of Jaipur for abusing their official positions and criminal consipiracy in purchasing duplicating machine and type writers on 30/ 1 / 1991. Sanction for prosecution of Sh. O. P. Meena, A. O. and Sh. B. L. Meena, L. D. C by DG., ASI was given on 23.1.91. Charge sheet was filed against Shri O. P. Meena, A. O. and Shri B. L. Meena , L. D. C. case against Shri O. P. Meena was dropped by CB as Shri O. P Meena died on 29/8/1999. The case against Sh. B. L. Meena, LDC is still with the CBI court